



Ecclesiastes 2:1-11

1 I said in my heart, "Come now, I will test you with pleasure; enjoy yourself." But behold, this also was vanity. 2 I said of laughter, "It is mad," and of pleasure, "What use is it?" 3 I searched with my heart how to cheer my body with wine—my heart still guiding me with wisdom—and how to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was good for the children of man to do under heaven during the few days of their life. 4 I made great works. I built houses and planted vineyards for myself. 5 I made myself gardens and parks, and planted in them all kinds of fruit trees. 6 I made myself pools from which to water the forest of growing trees. 7 I bought male and female slaves, and had slaves who were born in my house. I had also great possessions of herds and flocks, more than any who had been before me in Jerusalem. 8 I also gathered for myself silver and gold and the treasure of kings and provinces. I got singers, both men and women, and many concubines, the delight of the sons of man. 9 So I became great and surpassed all who were before me in Jerusalem. Also my wisdom remained with me. 10 And whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I kept my heart from no pleasure, for my heart found pleasure in all my toil, and this was my reward for all my toil. 11 Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 12:13

The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.

God created good things for your **enjoyment** NOT for your **fulfillment**.

A **gift** from God is good until you pursue the **gift** more than **giver**.

Often, God withholds His **blessings** in the very area that is holding onto you.

Fear the Lord.

You **worshiped** your way into **idolatry** so you must **worship** your way **out**.

Obey the Lord.

You'll never know how **good** God is until you **begin** to **do** what He says.



- What kinds of entertainment media (Facebook, Netflix, Snapchat, TikTok etc...) have you found to be the most addictive?
- Read out loud Ecclesiastes 2:1-11. We know that pleasures like food, sex and entertainment are not wicked in themselves. Food is necessary. Sex is God's invention. Entertainment can be good gifts. How can we tell when something inside twists a good gift from God into an idol?
- What forms of entertainment have most affected your worldview?
- How well do you control your thought life?
- What might be lacking in your intimacy with God?
- Pastor Chris said that we will never know how good God is until you begin to do what He says. What are some things in your life that you need to begin to do to know how good God is?
- It is not enough to remove the false god in your life. It must be replaced with the One True God. Discuss how your LifeGroup can hold you accountable this week as you pursue the fullness of God, not the fullness of false gods.

Remember, as you encounter people this week, share the Gospel and invite them to Vision.